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1. the harbors of Leningrad and Kronstadt

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A large cruiser was observed near the position of the Tallin lightship. [redacted] this vessel was of the Kirov class, type 1. Outside of Tallin harbor were observed two destroyers of the Gnevny class, under way.

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2. Kronstadt

Outside the naval base at Kronstadt were observed 10-15 motor torpedo boats, apparently on maneuvers. They were accompanied by two submarines of unknown size and type.

There have been repairs made to the breakwater outside Kronstadt. A new light has been installed on the left side of the entrance to the channel leading into the harbor.

In a northerly direction from Fort Peter were observed new installations.

Naval craft in Kronstadt harbor included:

the capital ship "October Revolution"
2 cruisers of the Kirov class
15 submarines of various classes
1 troop transport, of ancient design, in a bad state of repair
1 merchant vessel, of unknown tonnage, with 4 stacks

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[REDACTED] It was clear that the Russians firmly believed that a new war was coming. It was stated several times that such provocations as the Atlantic Pact and Marshall Aid made it inevitable.

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2. Leningrad Harbor

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One Russian vessel of approximately 3,000 tons was observed unloading along 50X1-HUM the coal docks. Another Russian vessel of approximately 10,000 tons was observed loading in the lumber dock area. Just north of the grain silo was observed a newly built vessel of about 7,000 tons. This ship, painted white, had clean, pleasing lines.

3. Naval Maneuvers

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As the vessel passed the Dagö (Hiiumaa) area naval maneuvers were in progress. There were two powerful searchlights on the shore, one near Dagerort Light, the other a short distance to the northeast of this light. A third searchlight was observed on the water, west of Ristma Light. These lights were unusually powerful; it was estimated that they each cast a beam at least twenty nautical miles.

Taking part in the maneuvers were one cruiser, four destroyers, and two submarines. Because of darkness it was impossible to make out their types.

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Though the searchlight at sea was clearly visible, it was impossible to see the vessel on which it was mounted. An exchange of fire was heard which lasted for three hours.

4. Kronstadt Naval Base [redacted]

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It was noted that the entrance to Kronstadt naval base was closed at night. The anti-submarine net (or whatever the object was) could be clearly seen as part of it appeared above the surface of the water.

In Kronstadt harbor was observed the battleship "October Revolution". This had been newly painted light gray, and gave the appearance of being in a state of repair. Two cruisers, believed to be of the Kirov class, group 1, were also observed. In addition to these were a number of smaller craft, but it was impossible to make out their exact number or type.

Outside of Kronstadt was observed a large four-masted bark. No crew was observed on deck; the yard-arms were bare.

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6. Kronstadt Naval Base [redacted]

[redacted] In addition to those vessels observed [redacted] there was observed one large battleship. This had two vertical stacks. One third of the way along its length was placed the bridge structure. The first stack was placed just aft of this structure. The second stack was placed about midships. Between the bridge structure and the second stack were placed two masts. Between the masts appeared a double radar antenna. Just aft of the second stack was placed a gun turret with two guns. The entire after deck was flat, clear of emplacements of any kind.

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Outside Kronstadt harbor were seen five submarines. One was larger than the others. These were being towed between Kroncastle and Kronstadt harbor. [redacted] they may have been in the type 28 class. They had no guns.

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Passing Hogland two fast motor torpedo vessels were observed.

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